

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP		2. LOCATION	
4 Dec 66 0830Z		San Mateo, California	
3. SOURCE		10. CONCLUSION	
Civilian		Aircraft(possible)	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS			
three			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS	
4-5 minutes			
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION			
Ground Visual			
7. COURSE			
westward		<p>Observer watched three brilliant lights in a V formation travel toward the western sky. It was like a mass of brilliant lights; tops were red, and the bottom was orange. It was about five miles between the lead object and the trailing objects. It looked like orange droplets fell from the tail of the one object.</p> <p>A test aircraft was in the area at the time of the sighting. The aircraft was equipped with a glass bottom and fitted with TV cameras and a high intensity infra-red light. This flight was conducted at 2000 feet and the light would have been visible from the ground. The nature of the light combined with the clouds in the area would produce an eerie effect from the ground.</p>	
8. PHOTOS			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

2. STRAIGHT UP OVER SAN FRANCISCO AIRPORT

3. UNK

4. STRAIGHT WESTERLY

5. SLOWLY TO THE WEST

6. 4 TO 5 MINUTES

C. 1. GROUND VISUAL

2. BINOCULARS - TYPE UNK

D. 1. 1835Z - 4 DEC 66

2. NIGHT

E. 37 34 30N - 122 22 40W CITY OF SAN MATEO AND HILLSBOROUGH CALIF

F. 1. CIVILIAN [REDACTED] AND WIFE [REDACTED]

SAN MATEO CALIF FAA AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER, SAN FRANCISCO

INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, EDUCATION UNKNOWN, RELIABILITY GOOD.

G. 1. NONE

2. OVER SAN FRANCISCO BAY 2000 SATURDAY EVENING THRU 2200

SUNDAY ALL TIMES LOCAL

WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY

23/1600P

24/2400P

6000'

2170

2510

10000'

2450

2625

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16000'

MISSING

2350

27000'

MISSING

2560

38000'

MISSING

2580

50000'

MISSING

2740

80000'

NOT AVAILABLE

CEILING

20 P 4600 SCATTERED VIS 15, 21 P MEASURED 4600 BROKEN, VIS 15,

071 / HA
7 DEC 66 22 46z

WPE 37

PTTU JAW RUWMEWA 18 00 3412115-0000--RUEDF IF.

ZNR 00000

P 072100Z DEC 66

FM 78CMBTS PTG P HAMILTON AFB CALIF

TO RUWMEVA/ADC

RUWMEDA/2SAIDIV ADAIR AFS OREG

RUEDF IF/FTD WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUEDHQA/CSAF

RUEDHQA/CSAF

BT

UNCLAS SGOPS 78059 DEC 66. FOR TDETR, FOR AFRDC, FOR SAF-OI.

A. 1. MASS OF BRILLIANT LIGHTS

2. SAME SIZE AS BOEING 747

3. BRILLIANT LIGHTS - TOPS RED, BOTTOM ORANGE

4. THREE

5. V FORMATION - APPROX 5 MILES BETWEEN LEAD OBJECT AND TRAILING OBJECT - 3 MILES BETWEEN THE TWO TRAILING OBJECTS.

6. VERY BRILLIANT

7. ORANGE DROPLETS FELL FROM THE TAIL OF THE SOUTHWEST ONE.

8. SILENT

9. 200-300 MPH - NO ABRUPT MANEUVERS

10. ~~REDACTED~~

PRIORITY

EWAB

ETR

Test a/c - special experiment good.

41. EAST, 42P 1800 SCAT EST 5000 BROKEN VIS 15.

NEGATIVE THUNDERSTORMS.

H. 1. NONE

I. NONE

J. N/A

K. CAPT JAMES R. WHITING, FV 586521, AERIAL OPERATIONS OFFICER
7TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP HAMILTON AFB CALIF.

MR. BUMGARDNER, LICK OBSERVATORY, SAN JOSE, CALIF WAS CONTACTED.
NO ASTRONOMICAL BODY OF PHENOMENON WAS EVIDENT DURING THIS PERIOD
WHICH WOULD ACCOUNT FOR THIS SIGHTING. MR. BUMGARDNER REFERRED
ME TO MR DAVID WOLFE, PALMO VICTOR SAN CARLOS CALIF RE

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MILITARY AIRCRAFT TESTING. A LIGHT INTENSITY MEASURING DEVICE.

MR WOLFE CONFIRMED A TST FLIGHT WAS CONDUCTED DURING THAT TIME
PERIOD. AN A1E EQUIPED WITH A GLSS BOTTOM AND FITTED WITH TV
CAMERAS AND A HIGH INTENSITY INFRARED LIGHT WAS IN OPERATION.

THIS FLIGHT WAS CONDUCTED AT 2000 FEET AND THE LIGHT WOULD BE
VISIBLE FROM THE GROUND. HE ALSO STATED THAT THE NATURE OF THE
LIGHT COMBINED WITH THE CLOUDS IN THE AREA WOULD PRODUCE AN ERIE
EFFECT FROM THE GROUND.

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